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.. 'Round 'n' 'Round ..

With JIMMY LENNON

"JIM NOTES":

THANKSGIVING—It's only around the corner and let's make it just that by giving!—Thanks! Remember your Community Chest. Send donations direct or through your office or employer.

CALIFORNIA JACKIE WILSON certainly would like a shot at the "BIG DUKE"—Bernard Docusen. Jack doesn't land enough fites, but when he does, he never lets his fans down. The "Duke" could outbox Jackie, but had better not be tagged with that overhand right. This would be a natural!

AL ARENAS is taking a little rest after suffering a loss by way of a cut eye. He's had a very busy uphill schedule of late.

The OCEAN PARK Arena certainly showed a lot of new faces on a bangup preliminary card last Monday—5 boys in all out of 10—Harold Dade took a bow before the fans—He just defeated CHARLIE RILEY for the second time in Chicago—He now wants a try at SANDY SADDLER the new "Feather King." RODNEY JONES—Santa Monica's favorite—will be off for at least 6 weeks due to an operation on the cartilage in his nose which has hampered his breathing in recent fights — He showed a lot of heart in winning over RICHARD FINLEY in the last two rounds after dropping the first two.

"IRON MIKE" WORKS—former wrestler who never failed to make a bout interesting to the fans—and to his opponent—is now trucking—yes driving "one of those big jobs" for the BALSER TRUCKING CO. in Bell, Calif. Mike makes regular "hauls" to and from San Francisco and says that a thrill comparable to none is the going into a "glide" after reaching the top of a long slow grade and coming down the other side—yep! no more wrestling—"IRON MIKE" works!

ROCKY GRAZIANO'S nose is still not healed and his fite with APOSTOLI is postponed until Dec. 1st.

MANE DOCUSEN scored his 47th straight win by defeating John L. Davis in Oakland, Calif.

WILLIE PEP, former feather king, is trying for a rematch with Sandy Saddler, and if not soon, he may come to the coast for action against the likes of Solas—Ortiz—Carlos Chavez.

MANNY ORTIZ has been warned that he must defend his bantam crown against one of three contenders.

IKE WILLIAMS delivered a kayo punch just as the bell sounded at the end of Round 1—BUDDY GARCIA was unable to answer the bell for second round.

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PAN SCORE BOARD:

151 "Pan Picks" — 112 winning selections—35 losers—4 draws—2 out of three last week as BOLTON FORD upset PAULINO MONTES but WILLIE BEAN came thru to win over DUTCH CULBERSON and BERNARD DOCUSEN tko'd BERT LINAM—LET'S GO for this week.

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OCEAN PARK: In a rematch of one of the year's hottest fights, ARTURO BARRON meets RICHARD JONES. In their last, Barron emerged victorious via "cut eye route"—Jones was in their winging all the way and was ahead on points when the ref stopped the torrid go. Barron has 8 K.O. wins in his last 9 fights—Jones has been coming steadily—The "Pan Pick" is a close one to JONES — the "comer."

OLYMPIC: BOBBY JACKSON gets the chance to show his wares after a layoff—MAXIE DOCUSEN is the tough assignment this time, —BOBBY GETS NO SOFTIES! It will be a rough one while it lasts, but the fast punching boy from New Orleans should throw too, too many punches for our favorite Bobby — who usually runs into trouble with "cut eyes." Manager Dan Barnhart says Jackson is READY! "Pan Pick" to Docusen—still undefeated.

HOLLYWOOD: BARON STUMME comes up with a wow!—JESS FLORES, nationally known lightweight, is featured versus the Iowa boy, DEL COCKAYNE, who really throws that right hand.—The "Pan Pick" goes to FLORES after a battle.—His ring generalship should prove the deciding factor.

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REVIEWING RESULTS:

OCEA NPARK: WILLIE BEAN with a 29-pound weight advantage, proved too much for the "light-heavy" BABY DUTCH CULBERSON,—who made it a busy evening even tho "out-gunned." Bean's body blows were scattered, but very devastating throughout the melee. Culberson looked like he was hitting hard, but most of the rights were not straight enough—they were slaps or cuffs which did no real damage. Bean tired somewhat, but opened up in the 8th to drop DUTCH for a 9 count, which proved to be about the difference between the two fighters. Culberson was in better condition, but just couldn't stand the body beating dished out by the youngster Willie Bean.

OLYMPIC: BERNARD DOCUSEN, who has lost only two fights in his career, certainly took no chances last Tuesday—He started right out with lightning lefts and rights, one right after another to the jaw and body of the hard punching TEXAN BERT LINAM. DOCUSEN, who was heard to say, on an afternoon broadcast with Sam Balter, that he had turned 'kayo artist" in addition to being a "Fancy Dan' of the ring. In Tuesday's fight he seemed to discard the "Jumpin' Jack" style of left hands and put some shocking force into the blows.—The DUKE scored a TKO in the 4th.

HOLLYWOOD: BOLTON FORD pulled a surprise in scoring over PAULINO MONTES who entered the ring a 5-1 favorite. It was "style" that proved too much for the Mexican youngster, as Ford was always on the move, never giving the puncher a chance to land a good one. Montes was able to land only a few good ones; these, left to the midsection. Ford scored repeatedly with not-too-hard-socks. Montes rallied to win the last two rounds, but could not overcome the lead piled up by his opponent.

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REVIEWING THE PRELIMS: Newcomer BOOTS NELSON threw a terrific left hook to kayo BOOKER T. WASHINGTON at O.P. In others: LOU JAMESON again kayoed MIKE BANDA, a willing, but unequal foe.—FRANKIE RAY and BABY VALDEZ put on a slugfest with Ray winning when Valdez received a badly lacerated eye.—"The Wildman" — JESS RICHARDS threw too many for Earl Ward—RODNEY JONES won over DICK FINLEY. — AT THE LEGION STADIUM Rocky Haro and Rudy Vasquez staged a thriller to a draw.—J. J. CRACKNELL scored a TKO over ABNER BETTINGFIELD in 2.—ELMER BELTZ won over HAROLD VELASQUEZ.—BUTCH MAXWELL drew with DAVE MARTINEZ. — ROOSEVELT BONNER lost his first in 9 starts to JACKIE BLAIR. — AT THE OLYMPIC: TOMMY LEE JAMES scored a third round TKO over CONNIE SMITH who was decked for 9 and arose helpless. RUDY GARCIA won from RUEBEN TORRES — The young REGINA DOCUSEN won from YOUNG GORONEL — WINDY HAWKINS won by TKO over BILLY KING. RAY RAMON won on TKO from FREDDIE HERRERA.

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ADDED NOTES:

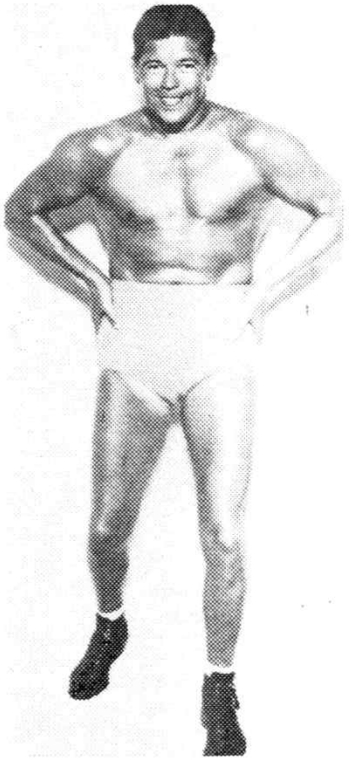
Harold Dade may meet Willie Pep in L.A. soon.

Harry "Kid" Mathews and Milo Savage fight figures at the Legion.

Primo Carnera returns to the Southland rings after a successful tour of South America.

This last week has been a little too much in the way of upsets. The election and then about four teams that were unbeaten or tied, bit the dust.

JACABO MACIAS



VIC CHRISTY

Hangman Howard Cantonwine is up in the Northwest running the wrestling game for Ted Thy.

'PAN' Patter

By Hardy Kruskamp

On the 30th of last month the wrestling promoters of the United States and Canada held a meeting in Chicago. Your correspondent could not attend so he went to Johnny Doyle's house and got a first-hand account of the whole proceedings.

There were 33 promoters on hand for what is believed to be a big step forward in the squared circle sport. The meeting was held with decorum, much to the surprise of everyone. They usually start with a session at a bar and end up at the same place. But from all accounts this was conducted like a bank board meeting.

Much was accomplished. Committees were formed to delve into the various wrongs that beset the wrestling game. The chief complaint is the fact that so many different men are parading around the country claiming the world's wrestling title. All fans and promoters know that there is no recognized title-holder. No athletic commission will put itself on record as recognizing any of these claimants.

As we pointed out, committees have been formed from this first meeting and they are to look into this situation. But we have assurance from about five or six of the men that are recognized in some sections that they will meet each other until some one of them is the sole survivor. This list includes: Louis Thesz, Whipper Billy Watson, Yvon Robert, Wild Bill Longson and last, but not least, Enrique Torres.

This will be a great step in the right direction. Others of the so-called champions will be invited to show their wares in this tourney (if that is what it is to be called). The commissions will be notified when this comes to a termination and will be asked to officially recognize the champion.

Other offshoots of this meeting brought out startling things about television. Back east it is becoming big and bigger. For these newly formed television companies find that wrestling is being watched by more people than any other sport. This includes football and other sports that are being shown over the air. On a survey in Chicago they found that 95 per cent of the people were watching the matches over their television sets. Another thing that was threshed around was the fact that the companies were making pictures of the matches and showing them in competition to the shows being shown that night. This works something like this: Two wrestlers meet and have a great match. One television company would have rights to it in one city. They would take pictures and the night these two boys would meet again this first company would then show it at a time when it would be injurious to both the other company and to the promoter of the match. As I say, this was given to a committee to see if some agreement could be reached where these practices would be discontinued.

Probably the finest gesture of the whole meeting was the assigning of Ed (Strangler) Lewis as wrestling's official public relations man. Big Ed, who has spent his whole life in the game, was given this accolade by unanimous vote. If anyone in the wrestling game is more deserving, then he has not come along yet.

Big Ed's duties are to go all over the country and give talks to clubs and different organizations. He will also be called on to do some ring work in the form of third man in the ring. This will be mostly for the elimination of the big consolidations. Again, he will be asked to settle small disputes that are bound to arise between promoters.

This is a job for the right man, and Ed is the right man. He loves the wrestling game and, as far as I know, he is loved by everyone that ever had any connection with the game, as well as many that he has come in contact with on the outside. This job is not one of those token things. With it goes a good salary and an expense account.

Well, that about sums up what happened at the first meeting. As Tony Stecker pointed out, a lot might not be accomplished the first trip but a nuclei might be formed where some big things would develop out of it. And from my second-hand report, this is about what happened. Many went with a skeptical viewpoint but left with the idea that it was not all in vain. Personally, boys, I think you made a fine start and if you will keep along the lines you have taken, wrestling will be, in the future, a bigger success than it has been heretofore.

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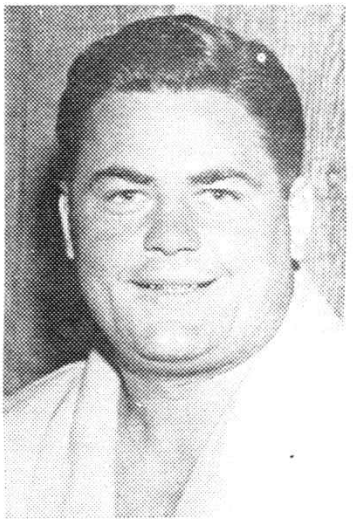

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"And unlike some of the glamorous wrestling beauties, I do not need the services of valets, hand maidens, care-takers or bodyguards," he added.

The interviewee was Dizzy Davis and he'd demanded the interview with a PAN representative in order to "clear up some of the erroneous information that's been circulating hereabouts about my personality."

"Primarily, I want it known that I am a wrestler and not a clothes horse," violently affirmed Davis, as soon as he saw the writer armed with pencil and copy paper.

"My robes have won me wide recognition, but they're merely incidental to my principal career—which is wrestling," he continued.

Davis stressed, too, that he doesn't care if he's called "Daffy" or "Dandy" as well as "Dizzy," but that he does object to being known merely as "Davis."

"Because of the unfortunate name, some people have referred to me as Wee Willie Davis' brother—and that is almost as insulting as other references to me as being related to Karl Davis," the dapper one declared.

This violent new arrival on the Southern California mat scene comes from Texas, via Chicago, New York and Canada, and admits that he is "the most terrific grappler ever produced by the Lone Star state."

From the way turnstiles in arenas where he appears click, it looks like his claim isn't so far-fetched at that. He really pulls in the fans everytime he's on a program—but they turn out to watch hopefully for a Davis disaster.

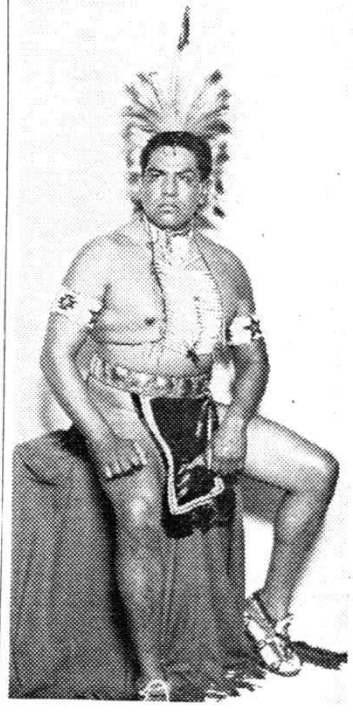
To date, Dizzy has disappointed them, for his record throughout the country shows a majority of wins over top men in every area, with only a few scattered losses and draws. The type of wrestler who keeps a crowd in a lynching mood every second he's in action, but so far he has been able to escape mob violence.

"My talents are unappreciated by the average mat-goer, who doesn't realize that victory belongs to the winner, even if he may have to discount a few rules enroute," Dizzy says.

The Long and Short of it?

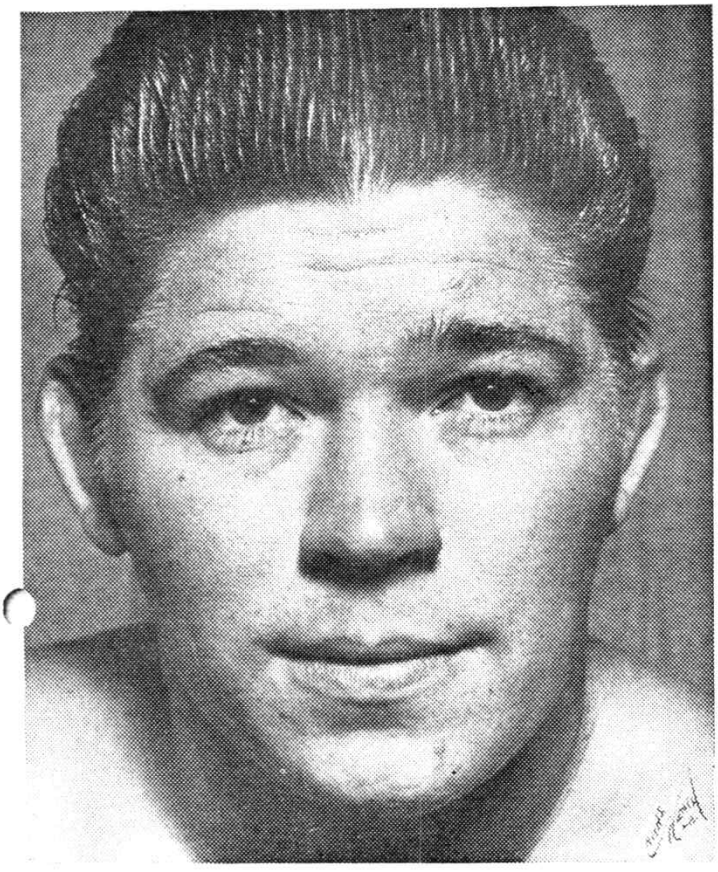
At long last it appears that San Fernando Valley actually is going to have a big-time sports arena. The Van Nuys American Legion Post No. 193 really announced plans to build a 4000 seating capacity boxing and wrestling club on a sports center it plans to develop within the next year. James J. Jeffries is serving in an advisory capacity for the project.

This last election should teach the political master minds one thing—never make a man too big an underdog. The American people will not stand for it. They will rally to anyone that is taking a beating—God bless them.



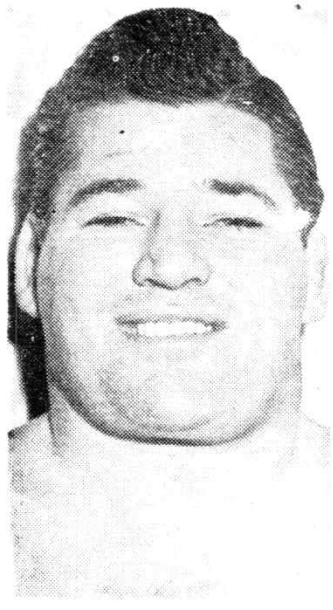
CHIEF WAR CLOUD

The Christys Return



Vic Christy, the Sunland perennial youth who tells me that I will have to stop talking about his age—that what I am led to believe about his number of years is erronious—that right today he is 27 years old.

Now I was never one to argue about a man's age, nor a lady's either, for that matter. So we will let it go at that. Vic, along with his brother, Ted, is fresh back from South America, where they have been on an extended tour for the last several months. Both speak highly of the wrestlers down in the Southern Hemisphere, stating that promoters down there did not understand anything about paying the talent.



For years they have been importing wrestlers and paying them what they want and getting away with it. It has been easy so far, as the people have seen but very few good wrestlers and are satisfied with what is shown. Now with new and better wrestlers having made the trek, they find it necessary to come up with better guarantees. If the talent is not of the best then the fans stay away in large numbers.

This is the reason for the present crop of wrestlers being on the better side. They have improved with better wrestlers coming in and showing them how to do things the right way. So in the future it looks as though the South American promoters will have to do what American promoters have had to do—get the best and you will have good houses. It takes money to buy the best.

Anyway, we have the two Christys back in our midst and a more welcome pair could not be found. With their good wrestling and their continual ribs on some member of the wrestling fraternity they are always a source of amusement. Vic, what is this I hear about wedding bells?

Do not be surprised to see Joe Louis fighting for the next three or four years. There is no way for him to quit. With the present set-up in income tax he can never get anything ahead. That is, to keep him in the manner that people expect of him.

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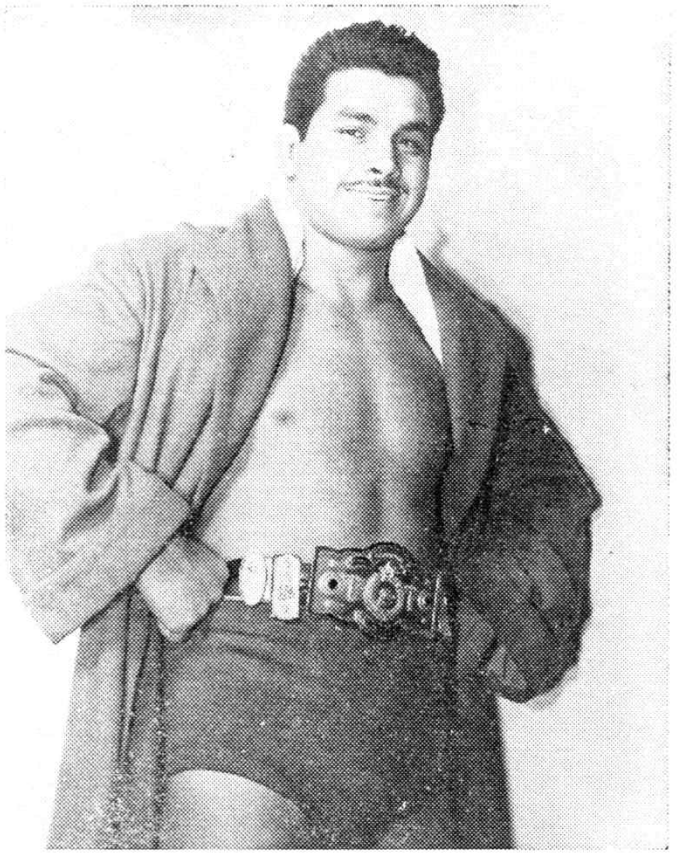

A variety of claimants to the world wrestling crown from the east and midwest have appeared on the west coast during the past few months, and after watching them work, Southern California fans are more convinced than ever on a certain issue—

And that is, that Enrique Torres is the best of them all.

Furthermore, the matgoers are affirming loudly, if a showdown tournament long discussed for the world title ever is arranged, Torres will come out the winner.

Undefeated for more than seven years, Torres has held the west's version of the world championship for some two years, and on his return from his long cross-country tour, looks like he'll keep that honor and any others he has a chance to compete for, a great many years longer.

Torres is far younger than these other world title claimants, but he has made his every match count, with the result that he truly is as ringwise as these older, more seasoned grapplers.

Where the invaders who appeared in our midst are "choosy" in their selection of opponents, Torres has made it a consistent rule to never turn down a challenge. He kept to that rule on his extensive tour and, meeting all comers, proves that he has profited greatly from his varied experiences in wrangling with every type of wrestler extant.

The handsome young Adonis from Sonora, old Mexico, despite his sensational flight to stardom on the mat, is as humble today as he was when he first started his career as an unknown from south of the border.

Adulation of the crowds, the records he has made, the autograph lines and praise of the promoters has not turned his head. And that is one of the factors that keeps him the West Coast idol.

His humbleness and naive nature are things that will take him a long ways still in the mat game, his manager, Baron Benny Ginsberg, has emphasized.

"Once they get up in the big time a lot of these wrestlers become unmanageable — and that's why they come down faster than they went up," Benny points out.

"But it isn't that way with my boy Torres and it never will be. He's as eager to learn and take instruction now as he was the first day he worked out on a mat ring," he revealed.

When he isn't wrestling, Torres spends most of his time in a gymnasium perfecting new holds and keeping physically fit. He is a hard worker, this Latin Hercules, but he has learned early that he must continue to work if he is to continue to progress.

In the entertainment world to imitate a person is the highest form of flattery to the one imitated. In wrestling to be challenged is the highest form of praise.

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Fans Awaiting His Arrival

Frank Sexton was here recently, as was Don Lou Thesz—two of the highest rating stars in the country. And now comes the man who has given the both of 'em—and many other topflight stars—a bad ne for several years. Wild Bill Longson.

Longson, the rough and ready Salt Lake City product, like Sexton, Thesz and the Duseks, long had found mat things too lucrative in the midwest and east to give the west coast a tumble. But now, like his predecessors, Wild Bill has been sold on the fact that to keep on the mat map, you HAVE to make a dent on Southern California fans.

One of the most destructive and durable men who has ever been in wrestling, Longson is responsible for the knee injury that kept Thesz on the shelf for more than a year.

And to show you what a tough and never-say-die individual this Longson is, it is well to mention that as a stripling starting out in the game, he dared to issue a challenge to Man Mountain Dean. e put up pa gallant fight, too—while it lasted—but had to be carried from the mat on a stretcher, iHs back had been broken by the massive Mountain.

Longson, partially paralyzed, spent many months in a hospital and eventually overcoming his condition through sheer will power and expert medical attention, made a terrific comeback within the next year.

He tried frenziedly to get a rematch with old Man Mountain, but the hillbilly ran out on him several times. And that's when Longson took to cover. Donning a hood, he became known as "The Masked Marvel," and rode rough shod over wrestlers throughout the midwest. In the course of that tumultous campaign he finally met Man Mountain—and defeated him.

Wild Bill started his sports career as an amateur boxer but after winning a few impressive pro fights decided that fisticuffs were too mild a sport.

Combining the savagery of Ernie Dusek and Rebel Russell with the strategy of Sexton, Longson specializes in a pulverizing pile driver. This attack has the effect on an opponent of being smashed by a 25-foot ocean breaker.

Wild Bill also is one of the hardest body slammers in the business, but that slamming habit of his has led to his downfall in many arenas. Bill, who goes wild when he's getting the upper hand of a foe, isn't particular where he slams him, and his reckless habit of tossing a luckless opponent over several rows of seats into an arena or against a post or on top of a referee, doesn't make him very popular with the officials.

Wicked gillikin twists, violent airplane spinners, his own version of a half nelson, plus terrific drop kicks, all are included in the Wildman's big bag of tricks.

This 240-pound atom-smasher is destined to keep things sizzling on the local mats.

Rapid Bob Feller, the Cleveland ace right-hander, must have seen the hand writing on the wall if he continued his barn-storming. He was more or less a disappointment this season.

Big Rube Wright took a whirl at commercial fishing but has packed up his tights for the winter season back east.

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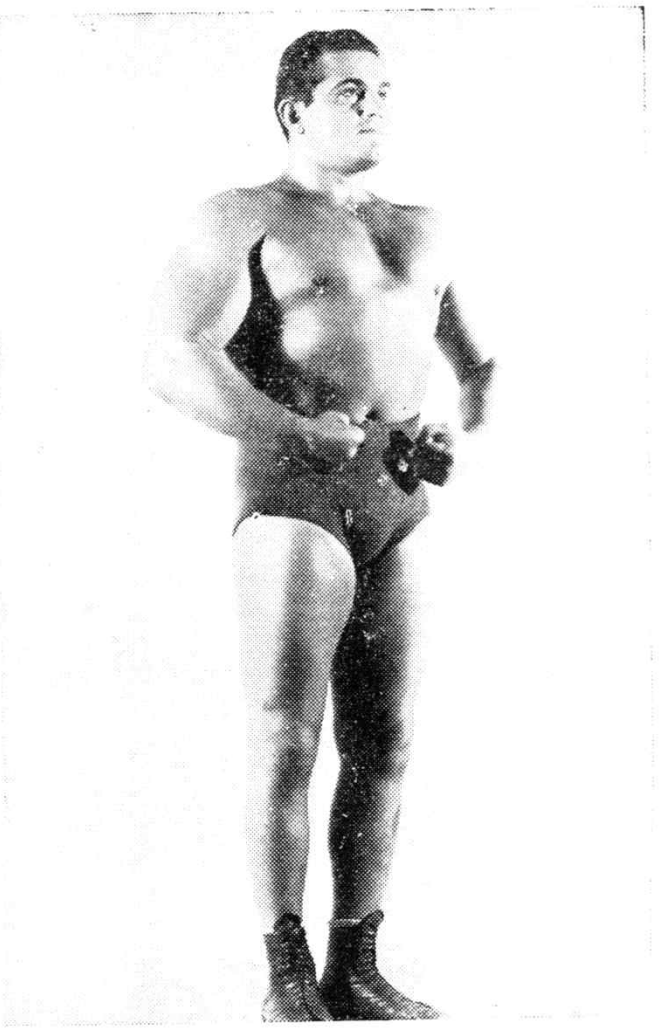

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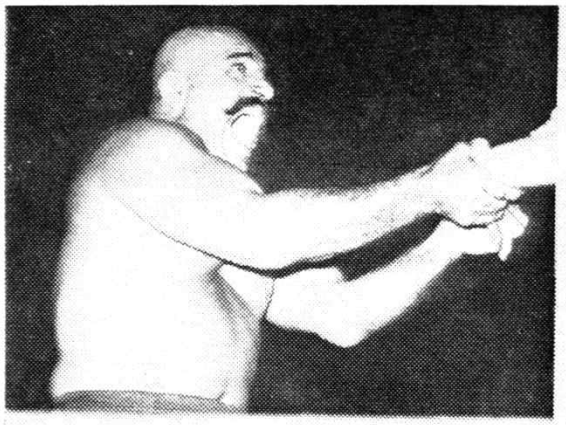

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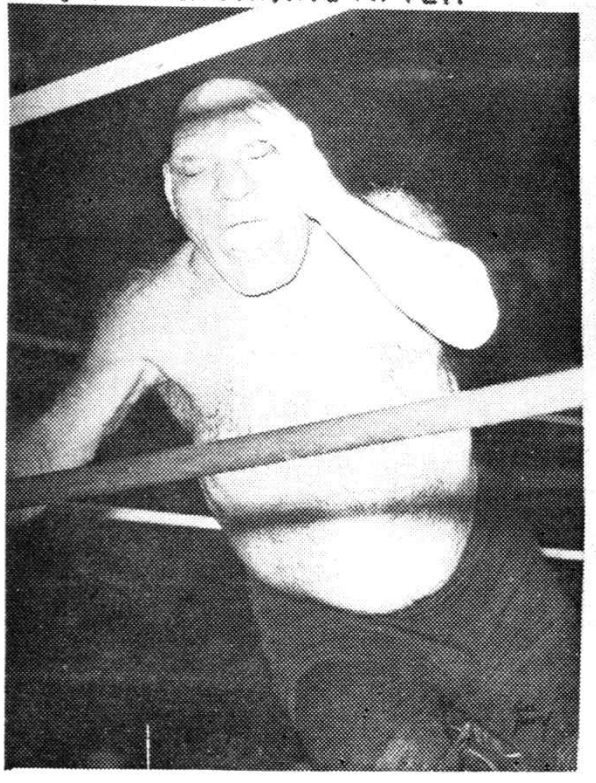

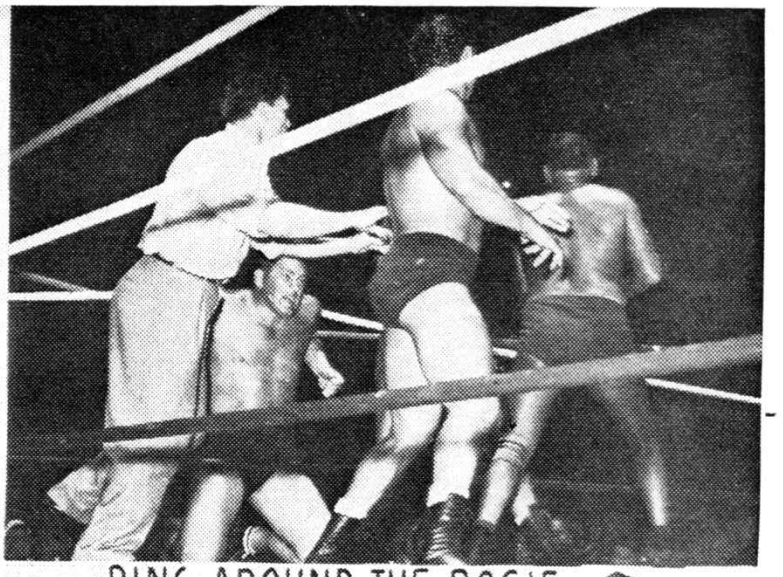

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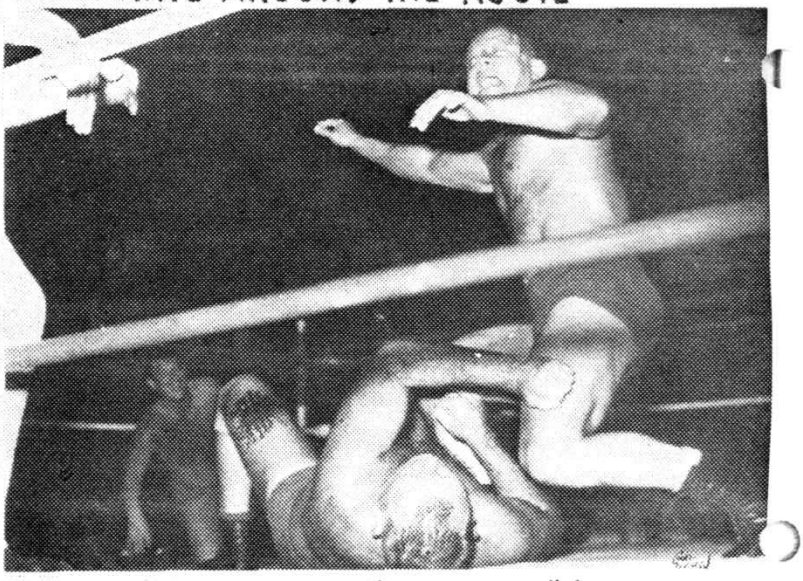

LEVIN DOES A "KAZZIE"!